

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Peggy E. Hellberg

Serial No.: 10/531,747 (Conf. #3474)

Filed: April 18, 2005

For: Histone Deacetylase Inhibitors for Treating  
Degenerative Diseases of the Eye

Group Art Unit: 1612

Examiner: Huang, G.

Atty. Dkt. No.: 2395 US F

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED DECEMBER 8, 2009**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This Paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed December 8, 2009.

A Request for Continued Examination is being filed herewith along with the requisite fee. Should any other fees be due, consider this paragraph an authorization to withdraw the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 from Deposit Account No. 010682.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

**Listing of the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.